മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. നാരായണമേനോൻ.— കണക്കു കൂട്ടിയേ പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയുള്ളൂ.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി.— എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും കണക്കെടുത്തിട്ടില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. നാരായണമേനോൻ.— ഏലക്ഷൻ സമയത്തു മാത്രമേ കൂട്ടീട്ടുള്ളൂ.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി.— സിറിംഗ് ഫീസെന്താണ്?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. നാരായണമേനോൻ.— ഒരു ഉറുപ്പികയോ മറ്റോ ഡെയിലി അലവൻസുണ്ട്.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the admission of the Hon'ble Member that one of the primary ideas of the establishment of the Land Mortgage Bank is to see that Agriculturists retain their land as against their creditors, may I know what the Government have done to see that this object of the Government has been kept up?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—Government have been doing everything possible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—We are inviting applications and as soon as we receive one, it is sent to the Supervisors and Inspectors, the lands are examined and so on. As I stated the other day, within 3 days we are going to disburse about 2½ lakhs of rupees and in the course of the next few days again another 2½ lakhs. The Hon'ble Member seems to ignore all the preliminary work that we had to do.

Mr K. M. Ibahim.—I am asking the Government what they have done to meet the harm that has already been done, because I personally know that so many agricultural families have been devoid of their possessions and ousted from their homes.

Mr. President.—The Land Mortgage Bank is not intended to prevent everybody from being evicted at all.

Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Then what, Sir, is the Hon'ble Member's position when he says that one of the primary functions of the Land Mortgage Bank is to help the agriculturists to retain their land?

Land Mortgage Bank—details regarding loans issued and applications received.

133. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) the total amount of expenditure incurred by the Government till now on account of the starting of the Land Mortgage Bank;

(2) the amount of loan given to the public till now;

(3) the number of applications received; and

(4) total amount applied for?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Expenditure incurred on account of Special Officer and staff	2,293	1	3
Government grant to Land Mortgage Bank	10,000	0	0
Total	12,293	1	3

(2) Nil.

(3) 280.

(4) Rs. 5,37,570.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the subscribed share amount at the disposal of the Bank?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—It comes to 36 thousand and odd rupees.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ലൻറ മോർട്ടഗേജ് ബാങ്കിൻെറ പ്രവത്തനങ്ങൾകൊണ്ട് പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്ക് യാതൊരു ഉപയോഗവും ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് ഗവമെൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു അതു നേരിട്ട നടത്തുവാൻ-ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. President.—No. We propose to give a chance to the Land Mortgage Bank to work.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is not working.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി.— ഇപ്പോൾ പുതുതായി നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അഡൈവസറി ബോർഡ് എടുത്തു കളയുവാൻ ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ? ഗവമെൺമെണ്ട് നല്ല ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ് അതു തുടങ്ങീട്ടുള്ളതെന്ന് അറിയാം. അതുപോലെ നടത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ കണിശമായിട്ടും ഉപയോഗപ്പെടും. എന്നാൽ ഇടക്കു ചില മാറങ്ങളും വരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് വളരെ പ്രതിബന്ധങ്ങളും നേരിടുന്നുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് അതിൻെറ പ്രവൃത്തി ശരിയായി നടത്തുവാൻ കഴിവുള്ളവരെ വച്ചു നടത്തണമെന്നാണ് എൻെറ അപേക്ഷ.

Mr. President.—We had a lot of preliminary work to do before lending and the Registrar has just now explained that the Bank has got over all the preliminary stages and that they

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would begin to lend within a couple of days. We must give them a chance to work.

Mr. K. M. Kunhimoideen.— We ought to see that the Bank should not work as a money-lender's concern.

Mr. President.—What does the Hon'ble Member mean by that?

Mr. K. M. Kunhimoideen.— At first it was thought that 75 per cent of the market value of the property will be given to the mortgagees but by the recent circular only 40 per cent of the market value would be given. It would be absolutely impossible for the agriculturists to get any benefit out of this bank with this kind of working. We ought to see that it works out more usefully for the advantage of the agriculturists.

Mr. President.—You bring it to the notice of the Board.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to bring to the notice of the President of the Bank the discussions that have been carried on here with regard to this matter?

Mr. President.—We will send a copy of the discussions to the President.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I take it that the 2¼ lakhs has not been definitely settled to be given? Or is it only a proposal?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.— It has passed through the Inspector, Supervisor and the Advisory Committee. It has come to the stage of the consideration of the Board.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— My object is to ascertain what percentage of the applicants really get the benefit?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—I have no idea at present.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Honb'le Member kindly inform the House whether he has got any idea about the fact that if all the indebted in the State apply for loans what percentage, under the rules of the Bank, will get loans? To an appreciable extent it will not be of any use, is it not?

Mr. President.—The Honble Member has answered his own question.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഫാം അപേക്ഷകൾ കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ളതിൽ ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽനിന്ന് എത്ര അപേക്ഷകളുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—There are only a few.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽനിന്ന് അപേക്ഷകൾ വാങ്ങാറില്ല. അത് പണം കൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള മടികൊണ്ടോ മറ്റോ ആയിരിക്കാം.

Mr. President.—The Honble Member must withdraw that remark. It is casting reflections on the President of the Bank.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—I withdraw.

Out-break of locust Pest in Nemmara Firkah.

134. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is a severe out-break of the locust (പുൽ പൊന്ത) in paddy fields in Nemmara Firkah this year;

(2) if so, what steps have been taken to check the progress of the pest;

(3) if not, will the Government be pleased to pay immediate attention as promised in the Council last year?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(1) There was an out-break in Vrischigam last.

(2) The Agricultural Inspector and the Entomologist were ordered to carry out the control measures. The methods were demonstrated in the infected fields and the ryots in the adjoining fields were advised to carry out similar measures.

(3) The question does not arise in the light of answer given to sub-division (2).

Veterinary Hospital—Mattancheri—providing of.

135. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be peased to state:—

(a) when was the urgency of providing a Veterinary Hospital in Mattancheri first brought to the notice of the Government;

(b) when was the site for accommodating the sickly animals secured;

(c) what amount of rent has been spent till now on the site;

(d) how many visits has the Veterinary Inspector made in Mattancheri during the year 1111?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(a) In 1103.

(b) On 1—9—1111.

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